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Mr. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Casey:

In January of 1945, Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat working in Budapest at the request of the United States War Refugee Board, was arrested by the Soviet Army. After many years of denying knowledge of Mr. Wallenberg's location, the Soviet government asserted that he had died in a Soviet prison in 1947. Over the last decade, however, a number of reports from former Soviet prisoners have indicated that Mr. Wallenberg is still alive. The veracity of these reports appears to be confirmed by severe Soviet retaliation directed against those making public that information.

I intend to introduce within the next few weeks legislation conferring honorary citizenship on Raoul Wallenberg because of his activity on behalf of the United States and his heroism in saving the lives of almost 100,000 innocent human beings.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for me to be briefed concerning such information as the Agency may have concerning Mr. Wallenberg's confinement and treatment since 1945.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Lantos
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Member of Congress

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